14th March 1955]

Dam across Varahanadhi.

* 1321 *Q*.—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation during the last week of December 1954 from the agriculturists of Thenkarai village, Periyakulam taluk, Madurai district regarding the construction of a dam across Varahanadhi; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken on the same?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) A representation on the subject was received in the second week of January 1955 and not in the last week of December 1954.

" (*b*) No action could be taken on the representation, the proposal mentioned therein having already been found to be not feasible of adoption both from the point of view of availability of supplies and suitability of site."

Supersession of the Dharapuram Municipal Council.

* 1322 *Q*.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY (on behalf of Sri K. G. Palaniswami Gounder) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a notice was served on the Dharapuram Municipal Council to show cause why it should be superseded;

(*b*) if so, on what date it was issued;

(*c*) what were the grounds for the Notice;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the supersession Notice was subsequently withdrawn, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that this is the second supersession Notice within a space of three years?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes; twice, once in 1950 and again in 1954.

" (*b*) the first notice was on 29th September 1950 and the second on 2nd September 1954.

" (*c*) The Municipal Council had shown itself to be incompetent to perform the duties imposed on it by law, and had abused its powers.

" (*d*) In reply to the first notice, a majority of Councillors gave an assurance that they had composed their differences and that the municipal administration would be run without any complaint. Accepting this assurance, the Government dropped the proposal to supersede the Council with a warning that they would be constrained to take drastic action against it, if the irregularities recurred.

" (*e*) The notice of supersession, dated 2nd September 1954, is the second within a space of four years."